



Sport Fishing

Learning fish species

Time

1 hour

Materials

Flashcards with picture of fish on one side, and the species name and information about the fish on the other side. Information may include where this type of fish are often found, distinguishing characteristics, best baits to use, average sizes, etc.

Space Required

Room with table space.

Before the Meeting

Set up tables with flashcards, picture side up. The flashcards can be separated by skill level and knowledge if needed.

Background

Today, there are approximately 32,900 different species of fish identified across the world. All of these fish have distinguishing characteristics that set themselves apart from all the others, and it is important to know the differences of all of these species, and be able to identify those which you may come in contact with.

Activity Instructions

1. 4H members will take turns at their group's table.
2. There will be players and a checker at each table.
3. A player will point to a card and say the name of the fish pictured.
4. The checker looks at the back of the card to confirm or deny if the player is correct.
5. If the player is correct, they get to choose another card to name the fish pictured.
6. If the player is incorrect, this player's turn is over, and the next player at the table gets to name a card of their choice.
7. The game is over when all the cards have been correctly named.
8. This game can be turned competitive by allowing players to hold the cards they name correctly, and the player with the most cards at the end of the game wins.
9. This game can also be played for time, giving players a set amount of seconds to name as many cards as they can.
10. The game can be restarted by shuffling and spreading the cards, picture side up, across the table top again.

Reflect and Apply Questions

1. Did you expect there to be so many different species?
2. Have you seen some of these species before? Where?
3. Why is it important to know the different breeds of fish?
 - *It is important to know the different breeds of fish because:*
 - *Catching Limits may vary*
 - *Some species may be endangered*
 - *Some species may have protective appendages to be aware of when handling*
 - *Some may need to be prepared and cooked according to their species*

Other Related Resources:

<http://www.asafishing.org/>

<http://www.nanfa.org/checklist.shtml>



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